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CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS,
CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING
PROGRAMS EXECUTING THE METHOD

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